

**Inquiry re: produced water standards**

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Irina,

Here's the response to your question from last week (Could you please tell me whether the EPA has set standards for surface discharges for this kind of water (or if it's evaluated on a case by case basis).

Also here's a link to the regulation we reference. I believe the section starts on p. 353.  
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title40-vol31/pdf/CFR-2012-title40-vol31.pdf>

Let me know if we can assist you further.

Lisa

Clean Water Act provisions for the discharge of produced water from onshore oil and gas in the West (west of the 98th meridian) can be found at 40 CFR 435 subpart E. EPA and state permit issuing agencies also establish permit conditions to ensure water quality standards are maintained. As such, permits are generally tailored to specific circumstances, including the uses of receiving waters.

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